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In re Application of:

Keizo INOUE et al.

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Filed: February 22, 2002

For: ANIMALS WITH KNOCKED OUT  
α-TOCOPHEROL TRANSFER  
PROTEIN GENE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

14. (New) A non-human mammal artificially modified to inhibit the expression  
of its endogenous gene encoding α-tocopherol transfer protein.

15. (New) The non-human mammal according to claim 14, wherein the  
expression of its endogenous gene encoding α-tocopherol transfer protein is inhibited  
by disruption of at least a part of the gene or an expression regulatory region thereof.

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